

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Lynch syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer, is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract, and other types of cancers; and,

Whereas, Geneticist have projected that up to 800,000 people throughout the United States live with Lynch syndrome, and studies show only 5-10 percent have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome; and,

Whereas, It is important to note that people inherit an increased risk of cancer, not the disease itself, and not all people who inherit mutations in these genes will develop cancer; and,

Whereas, A positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary or familial, qualify affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests and growths, polyps, and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before becoming life threatening; and,

Whereas, Having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and,

Whereas, On this day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome in South Dakota and encourage residents to learn more about their family's medical history and share it with their physician to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2017, as

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State